

United States Steel Corporation Clairton Works 400 State Street Clairton, PA 15025-1855

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Subject:

USS Reference Number: 02-0151

ACHD Reference Number: 400 & 600 Unit Claus Plants

USS Clairton Works

Gentlemen:

The attached form confirms our verbal report of the subject incident. Any questions concerning this matter should be referred to Coleen M. Davis at 233-1015.

General Manager

Clairton Works Raw Materials

NOTICE OF OUTAGE OF EQUIPMENT ARTICLE XXI - SECTION 2108.1

- 1. USS Reference Number: 02-0151 ACHD Reference Number:
- 2. Date & Time of Breakdown: Date: 11/05/02 Time: Unknown
- 3. Company Name: U.S. Steel Corporation - USS Clairton Works
- 4. Specific Equipment Involved or Affected: 400 & 600 Unit Claus Plants
- 5. BAPC Permit Number (if applicable):
- 6. Location: Clairton, PA
- 7. Nature and cause of breakdown: Repairing holes in the acid gas lines leading to the 400 Unit & 600 Unit Claus Plant thermal reactors.
- 8. Identification of Emissions:
 - Α. Type(s) (CO, NOX, SO2, Particulates, Hydrocarbons, etc.) H_2S
 - Toxic qualities of each type (including its qualities as an в. irritant, and its potential for causing illness, disability, or mortality). H2S is an eye, nose, and throat irritant.
 - C. Amount of each type emitted (or likely to be emitted). Light to Moderate
- 9. Measures taken (or to be taken) to minimize length of breakdown and amount of emissions, including shutdown or curtailment (or why it is impossible or impractical to do so). The Claus Plant continued to operate and process H2S. Repairs were completed on the gas line leading to the 400 Unit Claus Plant on 11/11/02 at 2000 hours. Repairs are still in progress on the gas line leading to the 600 Unit Claus Plant.

10. Facility back in operation - Date: Time: hours

Signature L'Ole Date 11/13/02

Environmental Control Engineer Phone: 233-1015